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Agenda item 2

PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of Working Group II

Report on work being done on benchmarks and indicators

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee,

Noting with appreciation the report in document A/AC.241/INF.4 regarding the progress done on benchmarks and indicators to measure progress in the implementation of the Convention and the valuable assistance provided by competent organizations already working on this topic,

1. Invites interested members of the Committee and competent organizations to make written submissions, to be received by the interim secretariat by 17 March 1997, regarding A/AC.241/INF.4, as well as priorities in future work on benchmarks and indicators;

2. Requests the interim secretariat to continue its work on benchmarks and indicators and, in that connection, to:

(i) Continue the informal open-ended consultative process it established pursuant to decision 9/12, with the participation of any interested member of the Committee, from any regional and/or subregional groups, and competent governmental and non-governmental organizations;

(ii) Within this consultative process, put particular emphasis on the further elaboration of implementation indicators and the development of a methodology for determining impact indicators;

(iii) Further expand the work to encompass the Asian and Latin American and Caribbean regions; and

(iv) Take account of comments on this subject in Working Group II during the tenth session of the Committee, as well as the written submissions referred to in operative paragraph 1;

3. Further requests the interim secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties on the work undertaken in accordance with paragraph 2.